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SUBJECT: AHIDJO'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE FOCUSES ON YOUTH

1. MOST NOTEWORTHY ASPECT OF PRESIDENT AHIDJO'S TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO CAMEROONIAN PEOPLE WAS RELATIVELY LENGTHY SECTION DEVOTED TO YOUTH. AHIDJO STRESSED GURC'S PRIORITY ATTENTION TO YOUTH, INCLUDING GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIP POLICY. THEN MENTIONED NEED TO CORRECT DISEQUILIBRIUM INHERITED FROM PAST IN ORDER TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF ALL REGIONS AS ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. CALLED ON PRIVILEGED YOUNG PEOPLE AT UNIVERSITY AND THEIR FAMILIES TO UNDERSTAND THIS NEED AND PROVE THEIR REALISM, WISDOM, RESPONSIBILITY, UNSELFISHNESS, PUBLIC SPIRIT AND PATRIOTISM, AND SOLEMNLY WARNED AGAINST INCITEMENT TO DISORDER.

2. REST OF MESSAGE INCLUDED (A) CONGRATULATIONS TO NATION ON 1973'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS (GOOD FUNCTIONING OF NEW INSTITUTIONS OF UNITED REPUBLIC, CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL UNITY TO WHICH COMPLETION OF TRANSCAM RR WAS CONTRIBUTORY, PROGRESS IN PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, ELECTION TO UNSC AS EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS OF FOREIGN POLICY SERVING CAMEROON'S NATIONAL IMPERATIVES); (B) REAFFIRMATION OF VIGILANT NATIONALISM COMBINED WITH COOPERATION

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WITH OTHERS, AND OF POLICY OF PLANNED LIBERALISM WITH PRIVILEGED

POSITION FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT USEFUL TO CAMEROONIAN INTERESTS;  
AND (C) A FEW WORDS OF THE USUAL FOREIGN POLICY LINE ABOUT WORLD  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, PEACE, AND THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY.

3. COMMENT. REMARKS ON YOUTH STRONGLY REITERATED FROM  
HIGHEST LEVEL GURC RESPONSE TO (A) UNFILLABLE DEMANDS BY UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS DURING EARLY DECEMBER FOR FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ALL AND  
(B) SPECIFICALLY, STUDENTS' CRITICISM OF GURC POLICY OF FAVORING  
THOSE FROM MUSLIM NORTH (YAOUNDE 4006 AND PREVIOUS). DURING  
PERIOD OF UNREST ON CAMPUS (WHEN TROOPS WERE QUICKLY CALLED IN TO  
RESTORE ORDER AND SINCE, GURC HAS LEFT NO DOUBT THAT IT HAS  
NEITHER THE INTENTIIN NOR THE CAPABILITY TO BE MORE GENEROUS WITH  
SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO HELP  
THOSE  
FROM SCHOLASTICALLY MORE BACKWARD AREAS.  
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